



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor ..... Jere F. Irwin  
Group Art Unit ..... 3724  
Examiner ..... Stephen Choi  
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Title "Apparatus for Conveying, Guiding and Locating a  
Thermoformable Web"

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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 31, 2003 OFFICE ACTION**

To: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
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**AMENDMENTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, please  
amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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